

**Meeting of the Board of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
Richmond, Virginia**

September 13, 2011

Draft Minutes

Present:

Joseph W. Boatwright, III, M.D.
Michelle Collins-Robinson
David Darden
Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D.
(Chair)
Kay C. Horney
Barbara H. Klear
William L. Murray, Ph.D.
(Vice Chair)
Michael Walker

Absent:

John C. Napolitano
Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.

Phone:

J. Mott Robertson, Jr., M.D.

DMAS Staff:

Cheryl J. Roberts, Deputy Director of Operations
Scott Crawford, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration
Steve Ford, Director, Deputy Director of Administration
Rebecca Mendoza, Director, Maternal & Child Health Division
Jeff Beard, Program Analyst, Maternal & Child Health Division
Elizabeth McDonald, Legal Counsel
Craig Markva, Manager, Office of Communications &
Legislative Affairs
Nancy Malczewski, Public Information Officer, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs

Speakers:

Cynthia B. Jones, Director DMAS Director/Virginia Health
Reform Initiative
Bryan Tomlinson, Director, Health Care Services Division
Tammy J. Whitlock, Specialized Services Manager
Maternal & Child Health Division
Ashley Barton, LCSW, Maternal & Child Health Coordinator
Maternal & Child Health Division
Donna Francioni-Proffitt, Pharmacy Program Manager
Health Care Services Division

Guests:

Richard Grossman, Vectre
Hobart Harvey, Virginia Health Care Association
Lauren Bull, Virginia College of Emergency Physicians/AAP
Ralston King, Astra Zeneca

Call to Order

Dr. Monroe E. Harris, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. after a quorum was met. Dr. Harris welcomed two new members David Darden and Michelle Collins-Robinson and welcomed back Cynthia B. Jones recently appointed as Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services. Other Board members introduced themselves and stated who they represent. Introductions continued around the room by DMAS staff and guests.

2011 Plans for the Virginia Health Reform Initiative (VHRI)

Cynthia B. Jones, DMAS Director and VHRI Director, gave a brief status report on the past year's activities of the VHRI Advisory Council including the six strategic areas (Service Delivery and Payment Reform, Technology, Capacity, Medicaid, Purchaser and Insurance Reform) addressed by the Council. Ms. Jones explained the process for providing recommendations regarding the structure and governance of a Health Benefit Exchange (HBE). The report is due to the 2012 General Assembly by October 1, 2011. Information on the Virginia Health Reform Initiative's health benefit exchange meetings, other activities and reports can be found at:

<http://www.hhr.virginia.gov/Initiatives/HealthReform/>

Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2011 Meeting

Dr. Harris stated that in his haste to continue the meeting, he overlooked the administrative matter of the minutes and directed that the Board review and approve the minutes from the June 14, 2011 meeting. Dr. Murray made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Horney seconded. Dr. Harris publicly acknowledged that Dr. Boatwright had not received his reconfirmation of his appointment to the Board until August; therefore, he was not in attendance at the past meetings.

After asking if there were any other corrections or additions to the minutes, the vote to accept the minutes was unanimous. **8-yes (Boatwright, Collins-Robinson, Darden, Harris, Horney, Klear, Murray, and Walker); 0-no.**

Early Intervention Targeted Case Management

Tammy Whitlock, Maternal and Child Health Division, Specialized Services Manager, reviewed the early intervention program and the new initiative to be implemented October 1. The change will allow children in the early intervention program who have Medicaid or FAMIS to have targeted case management to assist the child and family in gaining access to needed and appropriate medical, social, educational, and other services. Ms. Whitlock also discussed the new system requirements and shared that Virginia has been asked to present information about this program at the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education Conference in October in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Plan First Virginia's Family Planning Program Fall 2011

Ashley Barton, LCSW, Maternal and Child Health Coordinator, gave an overview of the current family planning program, Plan First. Recent legislation with the Affordable Care Act allowed states to apply for family planning as an optional covered group under the

Medicaid State Plan. Ms. Barton explained Virginia pursued this option and plans are underway to participate effective October 1, pending CMS approval.

Dr. Robertson joined the meeting via telephone during this presentation. As there were questions and comments about several issues involved in this presentation, Dr. Harris requested that the Board receive an update at the next meeting on the issues raised.

DMAS Pharmacy Programs

Bryan Tomlinson, Director of Health Care Services, gave opening remarks and introduced Donna Proffitt, DMAS Pharmacy Manager. Ms. Proffitt explained the various programs, initiatives, cost savings, and accomplishments of the programs currently in place.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Regulatory Activity Summary

The Regulatory Activity Summary is included in the Members' books to review at their convenience.

New Business

Dr. Boatwright expressed concerns regarding MCO eligibility and accessing the verification system for newborns. DMAS staff was to contact Dr. Boatwright directly to discuss his concerns.

Adjournment

Dr. Harris moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mr. Darden seconded. **8-yes (Boatwright, Collins-Robinson, Darden, Harris, Horney, Klear, Murray, and Walker); 0-no. (Because of state "open meeting laws," the vote of anyone participating by phone could not be counted.)** Dr. Harris reminded everyone the next meeting of BMAS will be December 13, 2011. Dr. Harris thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.